

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Bernward SCHÖLKENS et al.	)	Prior Group Art Unit: 1614
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Continuation of	)	Prior Examiner: R. Henley III
Application No.: 09/651,275	)	
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Filed: Herewith	)	
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For: USE OF INHIBITORS OF THE	)	
RENIN-ANGIOTENSIN SYSTEM	)	
IN THE PREVENTION OF	)	
CARDIOVASCULAR EVENTS	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**Preliminary Amendment**

Before examining this application, please amend the application as indicated below.

Amendments to the Specification are included on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper starting at page 3.